

## **ATTACHMENT A**

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**DECLARATION OF TOSHIO KAZAMA**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132**

I, Toshio Kazama, declare as follows:

1. I am the sole inventor of the present invention claimed in U.S. Patent Application No. 10/070,290.
2. I am the named sole inventor in U.S. Patent No. 6,043,666.
3. Any invention disclosed but not claimed in U.S. Patent No. 6,043,666 was derived from, conceived by, and/or invented by me, and is thus, my own invention and/or work.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that the statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the above application and any patent issued thereon.

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